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SUBJECT: IMCO: MEETING OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
IO, GEORGE DALLEY, WITH SEC. GEN.
SRIVASTAVA

REF: STATE 81636

1. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GEORGE DALLEY HAD AN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF IMCO WITH
IMCO SECRETARY GENERAL C. P. SRIVASTAVA. DALLEY
EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE WORK OF IMCO IN PRE-
PARING FOR AND RUNNING THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL CON-
FERENCE ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION. HE
ALSO MENTIONED THE FAVORABLE RECEPTION IN THE U.S. TO
THE PROTOCOLS TO THE 1973 MARINE POLLUTION AND THE 1974
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA CONVENTIONS NEGOTIATED AT THE
CONFERENCE.

2. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION BY THE SEC GEN OF THE RANGE
OF WORK OF IMCO, DALLEY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY AREAS
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TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTEN-
TION IN THE COMING YEAR. SRIVASTAVA SUGGESTED THAT IMCO
MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO FOL-
LOWUP INVESTIGATION OF AMOCO CADIZ DISASTER. THE
REPORTED STEERING RAM FAILURE MAY REQUIRE IMCO MEMBERS
TO CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDITIONAL STANDARDS. EQUALLY
IMPORTANT WAS THE MATTER OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMER-

AGENCY ASSISTANCE AND SALVAGE. THE 1910 CONVENTION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES OF LAW RELATING TO ASSISTANCE AND SALVAGE AT SEA WAS MAINLY A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. IMCO MEMBER STATES NEEDED TO RE-EXAMINE THE SUBJECT IN THE LIGHT OF THE HUGE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF SHIPS, PARTICULARLY TANKERS, SINCE 1910 AND IN THE INCREASED VULNERABILITY TO THE EFFECTS OF ACCIDENTS OF PARTIES NOT EVEN CONSIDERED IN THE 1910 CONVENTION.

3. DALLEY PRAISED IMCO'S GOOD WORK AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WASHINGTON PLACED ON THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF UN AGENCIES. HE SAID THAT IT HAD BECOME NECESSARY TO RESELL THE VALUE OF UN AGENCIES TO A LARGELY NEW U.S. CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR A BROAD RANGE OF UN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT HAD EXISTED AMONG AMERICANS AFTER WW II HAD ERODED AS THE NUMBERS WHO HAD LIVED THROUGH THE WORLD WAR EXPERIENCE DECREASED.

4. SRIVASTAVA TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK OF IMCO AND TO THANK THE U.S. FOR ITS PAST SUPPORT TO IMCO IN ITS REQUESTS TO UNDP FOR FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS. HE SAID THAT IMCO WAS NOW ASKING UNDP FOR FUNDING FOR FOUR INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS (EM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASSY UNDERSTANDS IMCO IS MAKING APPLICATION FOR THESE FUNDS UNDER SECTORAL SUPPORT SECTION OF UNDP ALLOCATIONS)

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AND THAT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO IMCO IF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND TO THAT OF UNEP COULD JUST MENTION THE U.S. INTEREST IN IMCO'S WORK OF FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AND POLLUTION STANDARDS. DALLEY SAID THAT HE WOULD SEE IF THAT COULD BE ARRANGED.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. INTEREST IN IMCO, DALLEY SAID THAT THE U.S. TRIED TO PUT FORWARD GOOD CANDIDATES FOR IMCO VACANCIES AND MENTIONED USCG CAPT. MATHIEU'S APPLICATION FOR THE PRESENTLY VACANT POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE MARINE SAFETY DIVISION. SRIVASTAVA EXPLAINED THAT SINCE US NATIONALS OCCUPIED 3 STAFF POSITIONS INCLUDING ONE OF THE SENIOR DIRECTORS, WHILE MANY MEMBER STATES DID NOT HAVE ANY OF THEIR NATIONALS ON THE STAFF, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM IN THE FACE OF EQUALLY WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO GIVE THE POSITION TO AN AMERICAN. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF IMCO RECEIVED UNDP FUNDING FOR 4 INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS AND SINCE PRESENTLY NO AMERICANS OCCUPIED UNDP FUNDED TECHNICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE POSITIONS' HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO A WELL-QUALIFIED AMERICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE PROPOSED POST OF INTER-REGIONAL ADVISER FOR MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.

6. THIS TELEGRAM WAS DRAFTED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY.

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